

December 10, 1955.

Mr. William M. Abbott,  
Box 185,  
Wilton, N. H.

Dear Mr. Abbott:

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors,  
the members were much taken by your beautifull picture  
of the clubhouse, and they would like to have your  
price for the pictures, by the dozen.

Yours truly,

J.P.Drumgoole  
Secretary.

Box 292 Back Bay  
Boston 13, Mass.

June 15, 1956.

Dr. G. H. Derry,  
690 Congress street,  
Portland, Maine.

Dear Dr. Derry:

On Wednesday last (the 13th) I delivered your rifle and telescope to John McLaughlin of Kirkwood's Gun Shop, 23 Elm street, Boston, for packing and forwarding to you via American Express. I trust you have received it in good order.

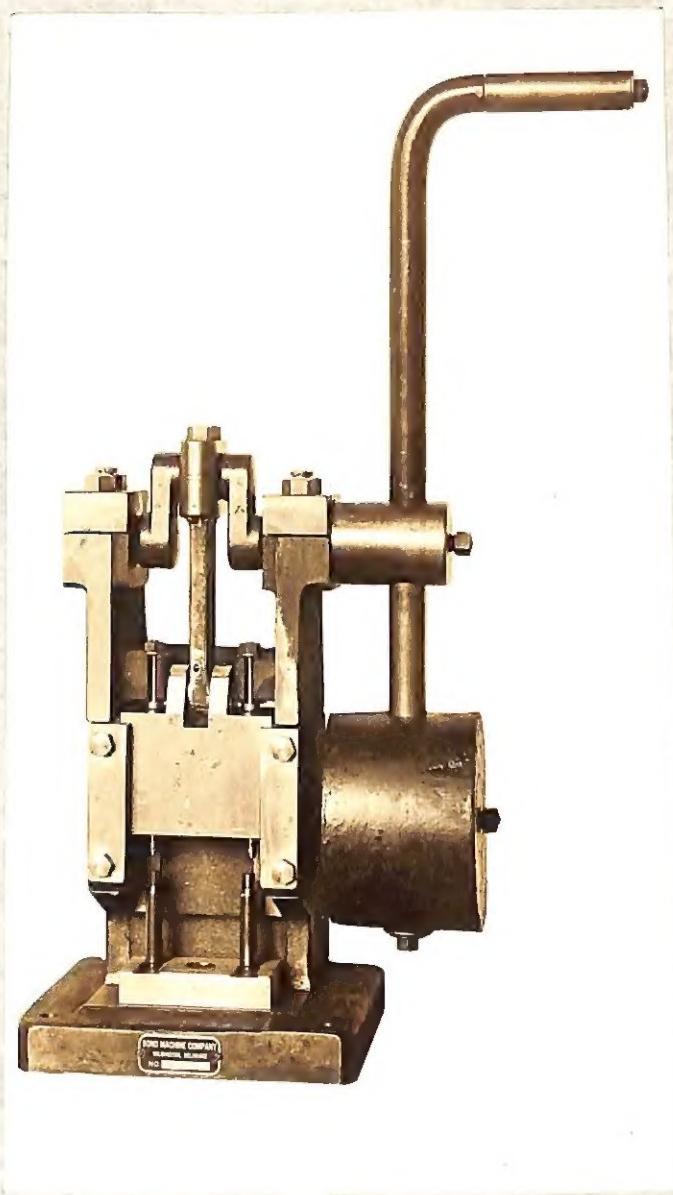
The Directors wish me to express to you their appreciation of your kindness in allowing us to have the custody of the rifle and telescope over this long period.

Yours very truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.

NATHANIEL C. NASH, JR.  
COUNSELLOR AT LAW

853 EXCHANGE BUILDING  
53 STATE STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.



Full length resizing press for rifle cartridge, model '06  
sold by the Bond Machine Company, Wilmington, Del., price,  
\$80.00, if and when in stock.

NATHANIEL PERRY SIPPRELLE  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
6 BEACON STREET  
BOSTON, MASS.

August 18, 1921.

Mr. Malcolm F. Partridge  
104 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, Mass.

Dear Mr. Partridge,

Your letter of the 17th inst. addressed to Mr. Sipprelle has been received, and in his absence opened by me. In regard to the Creedmore Cup would say that I have placed same in the safe until Mr. Sipprelle's return, at which time he will no doubt take up with you the disposition matter of further <sup>of</sup> same. I expect he will be away, in Maine on vacation trip, until after Labor Day.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

S.

*Nathaniel Perry Sipprelle*

Ans  
Aug 21.  
Creedmore Cup is at  
Mr. C.G. Bills home.  
Cup in safe in Waltham apt.  
M.H.P.

N. G. WOOD & SONS,—PRIZE MAKERS, GOLD & SILVERSMITHS

CUPS, MEDALS, CHARMS, RINGS, PINS, &c.

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ESTABLISHED 1844

BOSTON, MASS.

1923

Mr. H. L. Darling.  
Dear Sir:-

I find it hard to estimate  
the Victory Medal, roughly, as we  
can not tell exactly thickness of medal,  
until we use the die.

But feel sure the medal and bar  
and chains, will not exceed \$35.00  
and I myself have hopes of keeping  
price down to \$30.00 but our furrier  
says not over \$35.00

Waiting instructions, I remain.

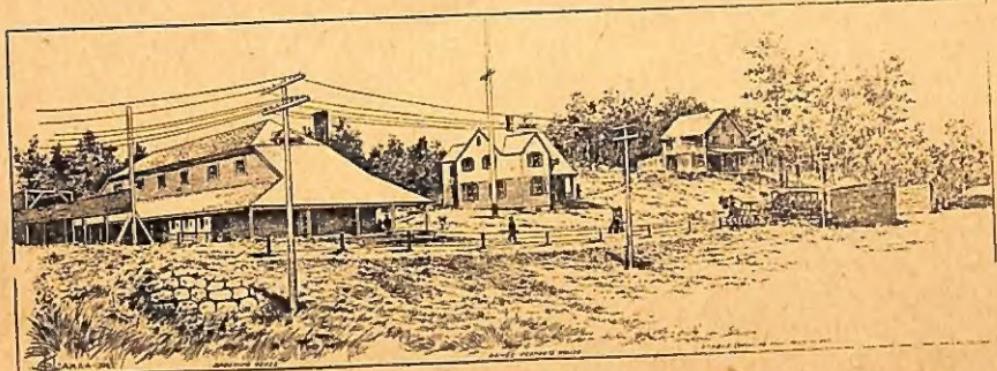
Just rec'd. your favor  
Hand today after.



Respectfully,  
N. G. Wood & Sons

M.R.A.

Troop D club cuts.



January 17, 1942.

Dear Madam:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Rifle Association, I wish to extend to you the thanks of the Association for the two photographs of your husband and the two stein trophies which you have so kindly donated to the Association, and to assure you that they are appreciated. Walnut Hill is glad to have something tangible by which to remember a former member of "Crank's Corner".

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.

Mrs. John E. Kelley,  
3 Fletcher street,  
Roslindale.

DR. HERMAN A. OSGOOD  
DR. WILLIAM T. PATCH  
DR. J. P. BILL  
DR. F. W. STETSON

144 COMMONWEALTH AVE.

BOSTON, MASS.

TELEPHONE  
KENMORE 9230

January  
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Mr. James A. Drumgoode  
Back Bay P. O. Box  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Drumgoode:

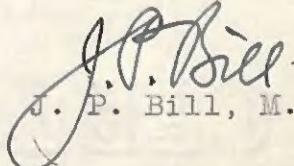
Please write a letter to Mrs. John E. Kelley, 3 Fletcher Street, Roslindale, thanking her on behalf of the M. R. A. for the two photos of her husband and two stein trophies, and that Walnut Hill is glad to have something tangible by which to remember a former member of "Cranks' Corner."

A case similar to the Merrill-Foster-Fellows one has been completed. It will house Major Hinman's twenty-six medals and Kelley's two steins.

Robert Seavey Hale passed on December 31 at Scoutlands. Thus passes one of the extremely few possibilities for an endowment for the Hill.

It would be a nice gesture to write a note to Dr. Foster, wishing him on behalf of the M. R. A. the compliments of the season. I have reasons for requesting it be done.

Cordially,

  
J. P. Bill, M. D.

jpb/net

Received of Mrs. Martha H. Beck  
twenty-four medals given to her  
father, Major Charles W. Hinman,  
as permanent loan to the  
museum of the Massachusetts  
Rifle Association at Walnut Hill.  
These to be looked over for  
contemporary bearing and such as  
not thought to have definite  
interest to the Association to be  
returned.

J.P.S.

Sept 24 '41

Jim:—  
For your official files  
J.P.S.

Removed from  
Case 18771 Bob  
J.H.D.

G. HERMANN DERRY, JR., M. D.  
756 CONGRESS STREET  
PORTLAND 4, MAINE

Aug 8, 46.

J.P. Bill, M.D.

144 Commonwealth Ave.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Bill,

I should like to enquire if it would be possible for me to get the Mann-Neidner rifle which you borrowed several years ago to exhibit at Walnut Hill?

If you will get it and keep it at your house until Dr. David calls for it I would appreciate it very much.

My best to Mrs Bill & the little Bills. Done by Dr Bill 8/18/46.  
Hermann Derry.



IF EACH PIECE DOESN'T HAVE THIS SEAL IT IS  
NOT GENUINE ROCK OF AGES.

Like the signature of Rembrandt on a painting, or Sterling on  
fine silver, it identifies the genuine and protects the purchaser.

June 6/56.

Dear Jim

Received this letter this morning.  
There is no doubt in my mind that the  
rifle in question belongs to Mr Berry.

Will you please answer him and tell  
him we will ship as soon as we can  
if you agree with me.

Kindest personal regards  
Austin

Do not accept a substitute!

Demand Genuine Rock of Ages with the Seal on each piece!

G. H. DERRY, M. D.  
690 CONGRESS STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE

June 4, 1956

Mr. Austin McHugh  
172 Broadway  
Malden, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Below is a description of the Rifle which you have on loan and which I would like returned to me via American Express.

Dr. F. W. Mann's original Mann-Wiedner, interrupted screw, bolt action rifle, marked

Mann-Wiedner

1913

Malden Mass.

U.S.A.

on the  
left side of the receiver; pistol grip, short  
forearm checked, soft red rubber butt plate, set  
triggers; plimmed, muzzle bore 0.2480"; the  
barrel from receiver to muzzle is 26 5/16" long;  
the overall length of the rifle from center  
butt plate to muzzle is 46 7/8"; as pictured in  
Fred Adolph's article in Outeris, Jan. 1913,  
top of page 53, also shown on second page of Dr.  
Mann's brown backed photograph album.

G. H. DERRY, M. D.  
690 CONGRESS STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE

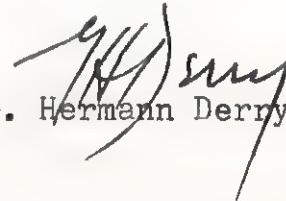
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This rifle is accompanied by a steel tube rifle telescope of two diameters, 13/16" O.D. and 1 1/8" O.D. for the larger portion which is 11 3/8" of the telescope's total length, 22", marked

Mann-Niedner  
1913  
Malden, Mass  
U.S.A.

with mounting  
blocks of Mann patent type to fit the above rifle.

Very truly yours,

  
G. Hermann Derry, M. D.

GHD/p

G. H. DERRY, M. D.  
690 CONGRESS STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE

May 1, 1956

The President  
Massachusetts Rifle Association  
Walnut Hill  
Waban, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I should like to request that the  
Mann-Niedner rifle loaned to your  
organization, with the telescope, by me,  
through the efforts of the late Dr. J. P.  
Bill, be returned to me, American Express,  
Collect.

This being the second request, an  
answer would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*G. H. Derry*  
G. H. Derry, M. D.



May 24, 1956.

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NOT GENUINE ROCK OF AGES.

Like the signature of Rembrandt on a painting, or Sterling on  
fine silver, it identifies the genuine and protects the purchaser.

Dear Jim:

This is the letter Watson gave you  
Sunday.

I looked at the Rifle in the case Wed.  
night and wrote the marks in pencil on the  
back of the letter.

I know nothing of this matter  
and would appreciate it if you would  
inquire Sunday from Kidder & Cap. Gerrish

Please answer this letter telling  
Mr Gerry that we are investigating the matter  
but since Mr Bills death we have no one  
to ask. You might ask him what marks  
of identification were on the rifle he loaned

Do not accept a substitute!

Demand Genuine Rock of Ages with the Seal on each piece!  
(Over)

Dr Bill but do not send him the markings on the one in the case.

He says this is the second request but I don't remember any other. Maybe you are familiar with this if so use your own judgment in answering.

Best regards -

Austin.

May 28, 1956.

Dear Doctor Derry:

Your letter of May first has been forwarded to me by the president of the club.

All the rifles received on loan during Dr. Bill's presidency are still in the trophy room, and we will, as soon as we are sure of the identity of your rifle, forward it to you via American Express.

It would help if you would send to the president a description of the markings or numbers on your rifle.

The president of the club is Mr. Austin McHugh, whose place of business is at 172 Broadway, Malden 48.

By the way, your communication of May first is the only one that has reached the club, to my knowledge, during my dozen or so years as secretary.

Yours very truly,

J.P.Drumgoole.  
Secretary.

Dr. D. H. Derry,  
690 Congress street,  
Portland 4, Maine.